## Kentucky state archivist elected president of the Council of State Archivists

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**FRANKFORT, Ky.** - The Council of State Archivists (CoSA) elected Barbara Teague, Kentucky state archivist and records administrator and public records division director at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA), as the organization's president at its recent annual meeting in Washington, D.C. Teague will serve a one-year term.

CoSA is the national organization of the heads of state archival programs. Its mission is to strengthen state and territorial archives in their work to preserve America's historical records.

Some of CoSA's current work includes managing a \$2.6 million Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) grant to develop records-related emergency preparedness training for state and local government officials; improving support for the work of the State Historical Records Advisory Boards in each state; and passing the Preserving the American Historical Record bill, currently introduced in both houses of Congress, to provide for preservation and use of historical records. Teague testified in June in support of this and related funding for historical records at a congressional hearing held by a subcommittee of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Teague is a graduate of Harlan High School in Harlan, Ky. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky, and a master's degree from the University of Virginia. She has worked as an archivist at KDLA since 1983, and was appointed Kentucky state archivist and records administrator in February 2008. She served CoSA on several committees and project teams before her election to the CoSA board of directors in 2008 and her service as vice-president/president-elect over the last year.

For further information, please visit the KDLA website, <u>www.kdla.ky.gov</u>, or the CoSA website, <u>www.statearchivists.org</u>.